Boston, April 17, 1867.

Dear friend May:

It is with many thanks I acknowledge the receipt of your letter, containing the pleasant intelligence of what you have been able to obtain toward ensuring a passage homeward for our old and tried coadjutor G. T. As yet, I have said nothing to him about it, for reasons that I will communicate when I see you; but everything in due season. The contribution of your venerable and venerated father was specially kind and liberal. You may be sure that I will try to do for G. T. what I can in England; and I sincerely hope he will find something to do there that will enable him to remain with his family, as I have no doubt he very much desires to do. As a matter of fact, he has been compelled to so long a separation by pecuniary necessity.

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I shall certainly esteem it my duty to urge, on paper, to the Master in Chancery, in regard to Mr. Jackson's bequest, the propriety and importance of giving the whole of it to the Freedmen's cause for educational purposes. The suffrage question is now obsolete at the South. The enfranchised freedmen, under the Congressional reconstruction acts, will never allow themselves to be deprived of the ballot, except at the peril of civil war; and that the whites will not dare to provoke.

As for the time of meeting the Committee on the Testimonials, I have no particular day to name, but wish you to consult their convenience entirely, both as to time and place.

I will see that all the letters in regard to that matter which you have kindly sent me for perusal, are safely returned to you.

I was very much gratified to see Mrs. May at our house on Sunday, but regretted the brevity of her visit. Wife, being asleep, failed to enjoy that pleasure.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Johnson are now making us a visit. Mrs. J. will remain with Wife a good deal of the time while I am abroad, and will prove an excellent companion and care-taker.

I have just received letters from Fanny and Frank. All goes happily with them. They are impatiently awaiting my arrival.

With my affectionate regards to all the members of your family, I remain,

Your indebted friend

Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

Rev. S. May, Jr.

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